With regard to the training of Ayurveda students in surgery and the supply of surgical instruments to them, it is doubtful whether there is real need for this. In cases where surgical operations are necessary for patients treated by Ayurveda *Vaidyans*, the latter usually call in the aid of an allopathic surgeon for the purpose and treat the patients for the other diseases themselves. This arrangement is not an impossible one, as I myself know from my personal experience.

You said that the Government have not got sympathy with the Ayurveda Department inasmuch as the Ayurveda Hospital is housed in a rented building. If engaging a rented building for departmental use shows want of sympathy, the same thing can be said of many other departments as well. The office of the Excise Commissioner whose department brings in a large revenue is held in a rented building. There is absolutely no harm in holding an institution in a rented building, especially in Trivandrum where many good buildings are available for hire.

As regards hospitals, there is a set of rules for the conduct of private hospitals. Some hospitals are being conducted according to these rules and the Government award grants to them.

Your suggestions relating to the reorganisation of the department are noted for consideration at the time when that question is taken up.]

**57. Concessions to the Arayas in the matter of education and in regard to entertainment in public service.**

MR. K. C. KOCHAPPI ARAYAN (*Nominated*) thanked the Government for nominating an Araya member to the Assembly. The Araya community was known by several names such as Araya, Vala and Nulaya and they were scattered throughout the State. Their chief occupations were agriculture, weaving and coir industry. But the majority of them were uneducated and poor. Several concessions in regard to education had been granted by the Government to Pulayas, Parayas and other depressed classes and there had been appreciable educational progress among them. That was the result of the insistent prayers of the representatives of those communities in the Assembly. The Araya community however had no such opportunity. They were educationally very backward and the following concessions might be granted to them :—

(1) Full fee concessions in all classes of Vernacular middle schools and half fee concessions in classes VIII and IX. Really poor pupils should be granted full fee concessions in these classes as well.

(2) Half fee concessions should be granted in all classes of English schools.

(3) The Araya candidates for the English and Vernacular School Leaving Examinations should be exempted from payment of examination fees.

(4) Due encouragement should be given to Arayas in the public service. There were a few Arayas holding acting appointments in certain departments. They should be confirmed and given due promotions and the Heads of Departments should be instructed accordingly.

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DEWAN'S REPLY; Mr. Kochappi Arayan, നിങ്ങളുടെ സ്വാമ്മദായികാവകാശങ്ങളെ വാദിക്കുന്നതിനു നിങ്ങളെപ്പോലെ വിദ്വാനായ ഒരു മെമ്പരെ നിങ്ങളുടെ സമുദായത്തിനു ലഭിച്ചതിൽ ആ സമുദായത്തെ അഭിനന്ദിക്കേണ്ടതുണ്ട്. നിങ്ങളുടെ സമുദായത്തിൽ നിന്നും പ്രതിനിധികൾ ഇതേവരെ ഈ സഭയിൽ ഇല്ലാത്തതു കൊണ്ടു മറ്റു അധഃകൃത സമുദായങ്ങളെ അപേക്ഷിച്ചു നിങ്ങളുടെ സമുദായത്തിനു ഏതോ ദോഷം സംഭവിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതുപോലെ നിങ്ങൾ പ്രസ്താവിച്ചതു അത്ര ശരിയാണെന്നു തോന്നുന്നില്ല. അധഃകൃതവർഗ്ഗങ്ങളിൽ നിങ്ങളുടെ സമുദായം കൂടി ഉൾപ്പെട്ടുന്നുണ്ട്. ആരുടെ വാദത്തിന്റെ ബലം കൊണ്ടായാലും അധഃകൃത സമുദായത്തിനു എന്തെങ്കിലും സൌകര്യം സിദ്ധിക്കുന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതു നിങ്ങളുടെ സമുദായത്തിനും കിട്ടുന്നതാണ്. ക്രടാതെ ഇതിനു മുമ്പും നിങ്ങളുടെ സമുദായത്തിൽ നിന്നും ആളുകൾ ഈ സഭയിൽ പ്രതിനിധീകരിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നാണു അറിയുന്നതു്. ഏതായാ൯ നിങ്ങളുടെ സമുദായത്തിലെ ആളുകൾ വാദിച്ചിട്ടായാലും മറ്റു സമുദായത്തിലെ പ്രതിനിധികൾ വാദിച്ചിട്ടായാലും മറ്റു അധഃകൃതവർഗ്ഗക്കാക്കു കിട്ടീട്ടുള്ള സൌകര്യങ്ങളെല്ലാം നിങ്ങൾക്കും ലഭിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. വിദ്യാഭ്യാസവിഷയത്തിൽ അധഃകൃതവർഗ്ഗക്കാക്കു ഗവണ്മെൻറിൽനിന്നും അനേകം സൌകര്യങ്ങൾ ചെയ്തുകൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ട്. അവരുടെ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസാഭിവൃദ്ധിയിൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറു എപ്പോഴും പ്രതിപത്തിയോടുകൂടിയിരിക്കയാണു. നിങ്ങളുടെ സമുദായത്തെ സംബന്ധിച്ചും ന്യായമായി എന്തെല്ലാം ചെയ്യാൻ കഴിയുമോ അതൊക്കെ കുറവുവരാതെ ഗവണ്മെൻറു ചെയ്യുന്നതാണു്.

[Your community deserves to be congratulated for having secured as their representative an old gentleman like you for representing their cause. Your representation would create the impression that not having been represented in the Assembly your community has suffered when compared to other depressed communities. This is not correct. Your community is included in the category of depressed classes and whatever concessions have been granted to the depressed classes in general have been available to your community also. Besides, I find that your community was represented in this Assembly on former occasions. Whether as a result of the representations of these representatives or others, your community has derived all the benefits which the depressed classes in general have derived. The Government have granted several concessions to the depressed classes in the matter of education and are even now watching with sympathy their educational advancement. So far as your community is concerned, whatever can possibly be done will be done.]

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